summary, "that the Germans, deterunit on one enormous offensive, are draining their country dry to force a decision before it is too late, while having been given the choice of a small immediate American army for defence, or waiting till they are reinforced by a complete, powerful, selfsupporting American army, they have chosen the latter.'

Make Germans Pay Price

"To the sledge-hammer use of masses of men by the enemy the Allies are opposing the strategy of meeting the blow with the smallest force capable of standing up to the shock, while keeping the strongest reserve possible.

"Troops on the wings are permitted to give pound within limits whenever the enemy has been made to pay a greater price than the ground is worth, the whole aim being to reduce the enemy to such a state of exhaustion that our reserve, at the right moment, can re-

The Official Statements

LONDON, May 12.-Field Marshal Haig's communiqués from British the Entente are so confident that headquarters in France to-day were as follows:

NIGHT .- With the exception of artillery activity on both sides there othing to report. DAY .- In a successful local operation yesterday French troops im-

proved their positions north of Kemmel village and captured over one A hostile raiding party was repulsed yesterday morning near the Ypres-

Comines Canal. We secured a few prisoners. Several prisoners and machine guns were captured by us during the night in patrol encounters in

The hostile artillery was active last night and early this morning in the Ancre sector, south of Albert, on the forward positions east of Loos and south of Voormezeele

Artillery Violent in Amiens Sector, Paris Reports.

PARIS, May 12 .- The War Office to-day issued the following: NIGHT .- The artillery activity was quite spirited in the region south of the Avre, but there was no infantry action.

On May 10, despite the bad weather, our pursuit airplanes displayed Two German machines were brought down and eight were seriously damaged. On May 11 a German captive balloon was set afire

On May 10 and 11 our bombing machines dropped 7,000 kilos of projectiles on railway stations, depots and contonments of the enemy, notably in the regions of Noyon, Chauny and Flavy-le-Lartel. At this last mentioned place several fires were observed.

Ship Building Here Failure, Says Capelle

German Admiral Gives the Reichstag Gloomy View of U.S. Programme

U-Boat Campaign Will Be Pushed

Submarine Construction Ex-

ceeds Losses, Minister
of Navy Declares

AMSTERDAM, May 11 (Delayed).—In a debate in the Reichstag to-day on the second reading of the naval estimates, as reported in a Berlin dispatch, Herr Pflager, Centrist, said on behalf of the Main Committee that even though there were differences of opinion regarding the political significance of the submarine war, the entire Reichstag was as one concerning its military achievements. All held the view that the U-boat campaign hould not be given up or restricted in any way and that the construction of submarines should be promoted as far as possible. That was the opinion also, he said, of the highest government officials and the army and navy commanders.

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Repington Mischief Maker Behind Maurice, Says Paper

"The London Observer" Declares Critic, Working Through 'Naturalized News," Sought to Sow Dissension Among the Allies

LONDON, May 12.—A great deal of attention is being attracted to the article in the current issue of "The Observer," in which the letter of Major General Maurice accusing the government of making misstatements about the military situation is described as the most perilous episode of public life during the war. "The Observer" says that General Maurice is not the leading figure in the affair and that the source of the mischief is Colonel Repington.

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